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SUBJ: PARS GAS FIELD DEVELOPMENT

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1. AS REPORTED IN REF B, GAS FROM THE KANGAN AND NAR
ON-SHORE GAS FIELDS WHICH WERE DISCOVERED BY EGOCO WILL
BE USED TO SUPPLY THE 2.6 BILLION SCFD OF GAS FOR IGAT-II.
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TWO RESERVOIRS
STILL NOT RESOLVED AND, REPORTEDLY, THERE ARE STILL NO
RIGS WORKING ON EITHER OF THE STRUCTURES.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF A, OSCO HAS PROPOSED IT TAKE OVER
DEVELOPMENT OF PARS FIELD. NIOC HAS APPROVED PROPOSAL AND
NIGC IS EXPECTED TO DO SO SHORTLY. CONVERSATIONS ARE GOING
ON TO FINALIZE TERMS, INCLUDING THE GUARANTEE OF GAS SUPPLY
FOR KALINGAS PROJECT. OSCO WOULD TAKE OVER AS OPERATOR
FROM ENSEARCH WHEN THE LATTER COMPLETES WELLS 5 AND 6, BOTH
OF WHICH HAVE ENCOUNTERED REPEATED AND COSTLY MECHANICAL AND TECH-
NICAL DIFFICULTIES.

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3. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR OSCO TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE
TWO JACK-UP RIGS ON PARS THROUGH 1977 AND TO ADD
ANOTHER TWO JACK-UPS IN 1978. OSCO EXPECTS TO BEGIN
RECEIVING GAS FROM PARS FIELD FOR INJECTION INTO OIL
RESERVOIRS IN 1980. OSCO PLANS, APPROVED BY NIOC,
PRESENTLY ANTICIPATE INJECTING APPROXIMATELY 2.0 TO
2.5 BILLION SCFD OF PARS FIELD GAS IN EACH YEAR BE-

TWEEN 1980 AND 1983.

4. A COMPLETE REPORT ON STATUS OF OVER-ALL SECONDARY
RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR KHUZESTAN OIL FIELDS IS BEING
PREPARED AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED THIS WEEK.
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